

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method is provided for increasing watermark detection speed and accuracy by using detection information during the detection process. When a source document is watermarked, detection information is determined and stored for later use in the detection process. The detection information can be in any format and includes information about the features of the source document wherein the watermark information is embedded. During detection of watermark values in a non-source document, the watermark detector uses the detection information to determine which of the non-source document features contain the watermark information.